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SUBJ: PRESS CARRIES STORY ON IAHRC REPORT ON PARAGUAY

1. LEADING DAILY "ABC" MARCH 10 PROMENTLY CARRIES LONG AP STORY FROM WASHINGTON REPORTING THE FINDINGS OF THE IAHRC REPORT ON PARAGUAY. STORY LEADS OFF THAT THE IAHRC HAS FOUND THAT MOST OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED IN PARAGUAY AND THESE VIOLATIONS HAVE BEEN CHRONIC.

2. QUOTING THE IAHRC'S WORDS EXTENSIVELY, THE STORY CONCENTRATES ON THREE POINTS IN THE REPORT: (A) UNDER THE STATE OF SIEGE, WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS IN PARAGUAY, GRAVE AND FREQUENT VIOLATIONS OF FUNDAMENTAL INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS HAVE OCCURRED; (B) THESE VIOLATIONS HAVE DENIED THE RIGHT TO LIFE AS THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SEVERAL PERSONS HAVE DIED UNDER UNEXPLAINED CIRCUMSTANCES WHILE IN OFFICIAL CUSTODY; (V) PARAGUAY DOES NOT OBSERVE HUMAN RIGHTS IN A MANNER WHICH IS IN ACCORD WITH ITS INTERNNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.

3. THE ARTICLE ALSO NOTED THAT THE REPORT WOULD BE THE BASIS OF A DEBATE AT THE MAY OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WASHINGTON. A SMALL AP ARTICLE NEXT TO THIS ONE REPORTED THAT THE IAHRC HAD ALSO ACCUSEDURUGUAY OF COMMITTING GRAVE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

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